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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2002, with the time for response extended with a three month extension of time from February 23, 2002 to May 23, 2002, please amend the above referenced patent application as indicated herein.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows. The claims are amended in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121. No new matter has been added.

1. (Amended) A tissue culture method for cultivation of marine algae, said method comprising the steps of:

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a) establishing axenic viable material of an algae for tissue culture by sequential treatment of the algal material in sterile sea water supplemented with domestic liquid detergent, povidine iodine and finally incubating the treated material in Provasoli enriched seawater (PES) medium with a broad spectrum antibiotic mixture and a fungicide for about 24 to 96 hours